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RESPONSE A

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this response to the Office Action of August 19, 2002, and asks that the following amendment be considered.

In The Claims

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Please cancel claims 1-22.

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Please add the following new claims 23-26.